



Mildred Grear

February 27, 1926 - September 4, 2019

Mildred Grear, the legendary Grandma Texas, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2019 after 93 years of living large, most recently as one of the greatest grandmas in the world. She was born on February 27, 1926 in Birmingham, Alabama but grew up in Galveston, Texas where she met the late Edward Grear who was to become her husband of 53 years. He and Grandma Texas lived in different cities in Texas for most of their lives, settling in Temple. She was always a thrifty, vibrant worker and became a legal secretary in high demand to start many a hotshot new lawyer's office. Well after retirement age, she worked as an executive secretary for McLane Company in Temple.

She raised a family of 5 children without missing a beat or performance. Her lifelong love of learning and music was transferred to all her offspring and their children. For the last 24 years she lived in Fayetteville, Arkansas where she solidified her role as Grandma Texas. She was always available to her grandkids and all their friends - from an attentive, caring listener to the provider of bacon and milkshakes for breakfast. She never missed a grandchild's activity in freezing rain or 1000 miles away or at 120 decibel rock concerts. This role did not prevent her from volunteering in NW Arkansas. She spent many years working for Habitat for Humanity in Fayetteville and became an integral part of the team. Later, she volunteered at Willard Walker Hospice. She was an active bridge player, beloved by her long-term bridge group, and was still attending courses in her 90's. Around Fayetteville, she was famous for her blue VW bug decorated by her grandchildren with bright flowers and a peace sign often speeding along at 20 mph.

Grandma Texas' love for children was effusive and undeniable, but she was really a lover of all people and all living things. She will be missed greatly by her surviving children Mark(Donna), William, Tim(Danna), Nancy(Chris), and Treese(John); her grandchildren Molly(Ben), Kohlton(Andi), Daniel, Rebekah, Matthew, and Jack; and her great grandchild Silas. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward S. Grear, her parents James and Alma Gardner, and her brothers James and Bobby.

A celebration of life will be held at Sequoyah United Methodist Church at 2 PM on Sunday, September 8.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Theatre Squared, 505 W Spring Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

Events

SEP **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
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Sequoyah United Methodist Church
1910 N. Old Wire Road, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - September 06 at 04:15 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

St Joseph Knights of Columbus

St Joseph Knights of Columbus - 32 minutes ago



“ So sorry for your loss.

Charlene Palello - September 09 at 10:40 AM



“ I will certainly affirm she loved children as my son and all the neighbor boys on Sioux Ct felt her love. Rest In Peace Grandma Texas...my love and prayers for the family.
Janet Gilmer

Janet Gilmer - September 06 at 03:42 PM



“ "O Lord, support us all day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last." BCP, p. 833

Mary - September 06 at 09:27 AM



“ Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Mildred Gear.



September 05 at 08:50 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mildred Gear.



September 05 at 07:55 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mildred Gear.



September 05 at 07:38 PM



“ I'll always remember Grandma Texas bringing Daniel to his violin lesson. It was a long time before I realized her name was Mildred! She would sit back in the recliner and snuggle with my dog Maestro. Sometimes they both dozed off and Daniel and I loved it! I miss those days. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Much love,
Babette

Babette Allen - September 05 at 06:44 PM



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